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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

GENARO BAUTISTA-SANTIAGO, AKA  
Gernaro Bautista-Santiago, AKA Genaro  
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Petitioner,

v.

JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS III, Attorney  
General,

Respondent.

No. 15-73124

Agency No. A206-547-699

MEMORANDUM\*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted November 15, 2017\*\*

Before: CANBY, TROTT, and GRABER, Circuit Judges.

Genaro Bautista-Santiago, a native and citizen of Mexico, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application for asylum, withholding of

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\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review de novo questions of law, *Cerezo v. Mukasey*, 512 F.3d 1163, 1166 (9th Cir. 2008), except to the extent that deference is owed to the BIA’s interpretation of the governing statutes and regulations, *Simeonov v. Ashcroft*, 371 F.3d 532, 535 (9th Cir. 2004). We review for substantial evidence the agency’s factual findings. *Silaya v. Mukasey*, 524 F.3d 1066, 1070 (9th Cir. 2008). We deny the petition for review.

Bautista-Santiago does not challenge the agency’s dispositive finding that his asylum application was untimely and that he failed to establish extraordinary circumstances to excuse his untimely filing. *See Martinez-Serrano v. INS*, 94 F.3d 1256, 1259-60 (9th Cir. 1996). Thus, we deny the petition for review as to asylum.

The agency did not err in finding that Bautista-Santiago failed to establish membership in a cognizable social group. *See Delgado-Ortiz v. Holder*, 600 F.3d 1148, 1151-52 (9th Cir. 2010) (concluding that “returning Mexicans from the United States” did not constitute a particular social group). Substantial evidence supports the agency’s finding that Bautista-Santiago otherwise failed to establish that any harm he fears in Mexico will be on account of a protected ground. *See Zetino v. Holder*, 622 F.3d 1007, 1016 (9th Cir. 2010) (applicant’s “desire to be free from harassment by criminals motivated by theft or random violence by gang members bears no nexus to a protected ground.”). Thus, Bautista-Santiago’s

withholding of removal claim fails.

Finally, substantial evidence supports the agency's denial of Bautista-Santiago's CAT claim because he failed to establish it is more likely than not he will be tortured by or with the consent or acquiescence of the government if returned to Mexico. *See Silaya*, 524 F.3d at 1073; *see also Delgado-Ortiz*, 600 F.3d at 1152 ("Petitioners' generalized evidence of violence and crime in Mexico is not particular to Petitioners and is insufficient to meet this standard.").

**PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.**